



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JUL 27 2021

THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Kamala D. Harris  
President of the Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam President:

I am pleased to submit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's report regarding mercury compounds prohibited from export, excepting compounds for disposal. This report evaluates waste management options for such compounds and recommends whether additional restrictions on the export of those compounds may be needed.

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This report describes volumes and sources of the five mercury compounds; identifies receiving countries of such exports; describes methods of disposal used after exporting; identifies potential issues as a result of such exports; includes an evaluation of management options in the United States for those mercury compounds; and makes recommendations regarding whether Congress should further limit or prohibit the export of such mercury compounds.

If you have any questions regarding the report, I would be most pleased to assist you. Alternatively, your staff is very welcome to contact Radha Adhar, the EPA's deputy associate administrator for Congressional Affairs, at [adhar.radha@epa.gov](mailto:adhar.radha@epa.gov) or (202) 564-5200.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael S. Regan

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Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper:

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Capito:

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The Honorable Frank Pallone Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone:

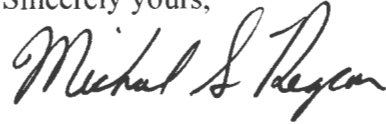
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

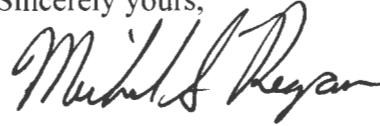
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